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GRANULES PRODUCED THUS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO/SB/08a form. A copy of the cited document is enclosed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the cited U.S. publications and/or patent documents have not been included.

The reference cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a Japanese Office Action received from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application.

Reference US 6,500,426 B1 appears to be the English language equivalent of reference JP 2002-502254 A, which is submitted herewith in the Japanese language,

and illustrates and describes the same structure.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the issuance of a Final Office Action. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), the required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0493.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO/SB08a form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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